

Claim Amendments

Please cancel claim 4.

1. (currently amended) A sprinkler head spacer system for attachment to the body of a water sprinkler to prevent the positioning of the sprinkler too close to a sidewalk or curb, the spacer system comprising:

(a) a spacer member having first and second lateral edges, and including attachment means for attaching said spacer member to said sprinkler; and

(b) an elongated stake member having upper and lower ends and a notch below said upper end; wherein said notch is defined by spaced-apart, parallel plates on said stake member; wherein said plates are perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said stake member; wherein said notch is of a size suitable for receiving and holding said spacer member.

2. (original) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said attachment means comprises a pair of opposing spring clips for gripping said sprinkler.

3. (original) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said attachment means extends laterally outward from said second lateral edge of said spacer member.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) A system in accordance with claim [[4]] 1, wherein said spacer member includes a recessed area for receiving said stake member.

6. (currently amended) A tool for positioning an elongated support stake a predetermined distance from a sidewalk, curb, etc., the tool comprising upper and lower portions; wherein said upper portion includes a handle and a laterally extending depth gauge; wherein said lower portion is adapted to engage the upper end of said stake; wherein said lower portion is sized such that it provides a gauge for gauging said predetermined distance between said stake and said sidewalk, curb, etc.

7. (currently amended) A method for installing a sprinkler a predetermined distance from a sidewalk, curb, etc. comprising the steps of:

(a) positioning an elongated stake in the ground a predetermined distance from said sidewalk, curb, etc., wherein said stake includes a notch intermediate its ends; wherein said notch is defined by spaced-apart, parallel plates on said stake; wherein said plates are perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said stake;

(b) inserting a sprinkler spacer in said notch of said stake where said spacer is held and supported between said stake and said sidewalk or curb; wherein said spacer includes opposing resilient spring clips for gripping said sprinkler; and

(c) attaching said sprinkler to said spacer by means of
said spring clips;

wherein said predetermined distance is determined by said
sprinkler spacer.